

Governing Council Meeting Summary – August 11, 2018

The Governing Council met on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. at the Calallen Apartments, 14838 Northwest Blvd. Pastor Jason read scripture and led the group in prayer. Those present prayer-walked the new apartment complex and then returned to the church Fellowship Hall for the meeting. The following members were present at the meeting: Nick Cecava (Chair), Carolyn Scheible (Lay Leader), April Shaffer (Secretary), Robin Orchard, Sonya Durrwachter, Mick Machen, Judy Macek, Chad Burkhart, Geno Sharp, Nick Black, and Pastor Jason Fry (Senior Pastor). Also present was Pastor Rebekah Rochte (Associate Pastor) and Jim Dunmyer (staff).

Minutes of the May 21, 2018 Governing Council meeting were reviewed and approved. Pastor Jason then provided an update on prayer ministry development and introduced the Breakthrough Prayer initiative which will continue in the fall. Then, the Council reviewed the results of Grace UMC Congregational Survey. Pastor Rebekah provided a presentation to review the results and organization of data and comments received. A summary report of the Congregational Survey will be provided in the newsletter and Pastor Rebekah will provide a brief presentation during both worship services on the survey results. Thank you to everyone who participated and provided feedback for the survey. Following this presentation, Pastor Rebekah provided a brief update on Discipleship Pathway with further information to follow.

The Council then reviewed the budget report and update on Trustee issues including upcoming repairs to the church property and repairs needed at the parsonage. A task force was formed including Chad Burkhart, Robin Orchard, and Nick Black to assess the parsonage issues and explore future courses of action and report back to the Governing Council with a possible recommendation at the next meeting.

Pastor Jason provided an update on the development of Grace UMC Personnel Policies. Pastor Rebekah provided a brief update on 2018 Goals. The Governing Council will meet again in September to complete the pastoral evaluation for the District Conference. The Council will also discuss 2019 goals at the October meeting. Other items that were discussed at the meeting included a future financial audit, mission field opportunities, update on the Rio Texas Conference, update on the teen daycare proposal as well as other ministries. The next church workday will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The next meeting of the Governing Council will be on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. (tentative) for an Executive Session for Pastoral Evaluation. The next regularly scheduled Governing Council meeting will be on Saturday, October 20th at 8:00 a.m. (tentative). The District Conference will be held at Grace UMC on November 17, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. After closing prayer, the Governing Council adjourned.